

Prince Adolphus

10<sup>th</sup> March 1798

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Hannover, March 10<sup>th</sup>  
1798.

Sir

The Messengers arrival last Friday brought me Your Majesty's very gracious Letter for which I return You my most humble Thanks. The Honour which You have been pleased to express Your Approbation of the Step I took of addressing myself directly to the King of Prussia on the Appearance of a sudden attack of Your Electoral Dominions has rendered me very happy, and I assure You that I shall always strive to act in a Manner that may be pleasing to You. This has hitherto been and ever shall be the Chief Aim of all my Actions. I have rejoiced very much on seeing the fine Spirit which is now prevailing in England, and without which undoubtedly no true Check can be set to the French Insolence: This is an Experience which alone half of Europe has made during the War and though every body owns that without Energy nothing can be done yet no Steps are taken to rouse this Spirit. Unluckily the present Constitution of Germany renders it very difficult to bring this about, for without Consent and Unity this Spirit is of no Use and that is almost impossible in a



Country where there are such a Number of Sovereigns who  
have all different Views, and for this Reason never act together  
I spoke upon this Subject to Mr de Steinberg as your Ma-  
jesty ordered me: He was quite of my Opinion and said  
that as it was impossible to bring about a General Spirit  
in Germany it would be disadvantageous for our Country  
alone, for this would not be able to resist alone the French  
who as soon as they remarked it would do all they could  
to crush it. This Winter the Troops have not been able  
to do much on account of the bad Weather, but now the  
Spring is coming on we shall soon begin to exercise:  
Unluckily my Brigade is contained in so far a Country  
that it will be impossible to exercise with more than  
one Battalion together unless we encamp: I wish your  
Majesty could see your Hannoverian Troops, I am sure  
you would be pleased with them, for they certainly are  
now in very fine Order. I dare not trespass any longer  
on your Patience but only to add that I ever shall remain

Your Majesty's  
Most Dutiful & Obedient Subject  
Adolphus Frederick

[Adolphus Frederick]



Prince Adolphus  
23<sup>d</sup> March 1798

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Hannover. March. 23. 1798.

Sir

Though I have lately done myself the Honour  
of writing to Your Majesty yet I can not refuse  
myself the Pleasure of troubling You with a few  
Lines by this Opportunity of my Friend General  
Don's setting off for England. I am very sorry for  
myself to lose so good a Friend, but on the other  
Hand I rejoice very much that You have placed him  
on the Staff as I am convinced he will acquit him-  
self perfectly of whatever Post that is given him.  
He is a very Active and Capable Man, and what is  
very seldom in these times a perfect honest Man.  
He has given himself great Pains to acquire a good  
Knowledge of this Country and I am sure that if  
ever Orders should be order'd over to the Continent  
and he be sent with them he will be found very



useful. Your Majesty will I hope forgive my  
having troubled you with these lines, but could  
not see my friend set off without writing in his favour  
and I do assure you I have not written a word  
that I am not perfectly convinced of. I have  
not now in parture you any longer than just to  
add that I never shall resign

Your Majesty's  
Most Dutiful & Obedient  
son & Subject  
Dulcius Amadeus.



Prince Adolphus  
12<sup>th</sup> April 1798

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Hannover. April 12<sup>th</sup> 1798.

Sir

It was my Intention to inform Your Majesty myself  
of the Death of General Malouin but I really was so affected  
at it that I could not write last Post. The Loss of a friend  
is always a sad thing but particularly so in these times  
when there are so few People on whom one can depend. The late  
General was certainly a Man whom one could rely on; and  
one of the uprightest and worthy Characters I ever met with.

He has left a Sister a Mademoiselle Pléte a most excellent  
Woman who has lived with him for the last five years and  
who has attended him with the utmost care during his  
long Illness: This poor Woman loses very much by his  
Death being now obliged to live alone which with her very  
Difficult to her as there is in every bad Circumstance. This  
Consideration joined to the many Obligations I owe to her late  
Brother have prompted me to write in her Behalf to Your  
Majesty begging You to give her a small Pension.  
The Minister who has <sup>approv'd</sup> me to ask this favour



with I trust some excuse for my troubling  
you; at least I should be very sorry to incur your  
displeasure by this Request as I have hitherto, ever  
studied and ever shall endeavour to act in a manner pleas[ing]  
to you. — The Weather being now very fine we h[ave]  
begin exercising the horse and foot Officers, and the  
in a Battalions to be able to exercise with Battalions.  
I have not imparted your Majesty any larger than only  
just to add that I ever shall remain

Yours Majesty's  
Most Dutiful and Affe[ctionate]  
Son and Subject  
Adolphus Frederick.



Duke of Cambridge  
May 15. 1740

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Montpelier, May 15. 1740.

Sir

I can not let Mr. Bebutnot set off for London  
without writing Your Majesty a few lines to say  
how I like you on the very excellent account he has brought  
from that you I have received by him a letter from  
my Sister which mentions how much better she is  
and which is written to my great Joy in very good  
Spirits. She is well that she is to go into the Coun-  
try at the Beginning of next Week. I must now  
return Your Majesty my most humble Thanks  
for your very gracious Letter which the quarterly  
Messengers I received last Friday brought me. I  
regard in leaving of the great Spirit which has  
been written in England of late; and I am con-  
vinced that should the French attempt and



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vision they will not meet with such a reception  
as they deserve; and will use them of the broadest  
Idea that the Jews to give laws to all Europe. The  
only thing I regret in case of an attack is my being  
deprived of the pleasure of seeing them punished  
according to their deserts. The like enjoyment  
between the Gods of the Hercules, is one of the  
perish never heard of and does the highest  
credit to the English Navy; they your Majesty's  
<sup>arms</sup> the always equally successful is the most di-  
cine with and most pleasant Progeny of

Your Majesty's  
Most Dutiful and Affec-  
tionate Subject  
Dolphus Frederick



Duke of Cambridge  
June 4 1790

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Hannover June 4. 1790.

Sir

Though I have lately had the Honour of writ-  
ting to Your Majesty yet I cannot let this day pass  
without troubling you again with a few lines to  
present you my most humble Congratulations and  
my sincerest and most ardent Wishes that you may  
still see many and many very happy Birthdays of  
it. It is impossible for me to express all I feel  
on this Subject but I trust and I hope Your Majes-  
ty is convinced of my unwalterable Attachment to  
Your Person and that <sup>therefore</sup> there is no Happiness which  
you ever can enjoy that I do not wish you from the  
Bottom of my Heart. That the Almighty  
may still continue protecting you, and preserving  
you for your Subjects and Country is the most



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Devout Prayers of  
Your Majesty's  
Most Dutiful & Affe.  
Son and Subject

Rudolphus Frederick



Duke of Cambridge

July 20. 1798

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Hannover. July 20<sup>th</sup>. 1798.

Sir

When the Messenger left Hannover at the Beginning of this Month my Intention was to trouble Your Majesty with a Letter, but as I was just returned from Camp, it was impossible to me, besides having wrote to You last Month and knowing how much You are now employ'd I was afraid <sup>of</sup> being troublesome if having any thing of consequence to mention. Now though it is some time since I have had the Honour of writing to You, I think it my Duty to address You these Lines to assure You that it is not out of Negligence but merely out of Discretion that I have not wrote. Our Camp went off very well and the Duke of Brunswick who reviewed us seem'd very well contented: I am very happy to be able to assure You that Your Infantry is come on very much since the War,



and that it is at present in a very good and serviceable  
Condition: We all of us wish'd very much thro' have been  
review'd by Your Majesty and I dare venture to say  
You would have been pleas'd. I don't express  
Words how much I rejoice at the good Accounts we  
have receiv'd from Ireland and I hope and trust  
that the Rebels will soon be brought to proper Obe-  
dience by the best & best Measures that have been  
taken by Government. I have not offer'd Your  
Majesty this for my Services in that Country as  
You refus'd them last Summer, I trust though  
that You are convinc'd that You will always find  
me ready to obey Your Orders and that no one is  
willing to offer up the last Drop of his Blood  
for his Country and Sovereign than

Your Majesty's  
Most Dutiful and Obedt.  
Son and Subject

Edolphus Howard.



Duke of Cambridge

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[9 after Battle of the Nile  
Aug. 1 1798]

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Sir

I can not refuse myself the Pleasure of profiting  
of this Opportunity of the Quarterly Messengers leaving Room  
of troubling Your Majesty with a few Lines to present You  
my most humble Congratulations on the late glorious Victo-  
ry Your Navy has gained over the French. Certainly more in-  
Robert every had not taken place during the whole War  
and I believe never in the Annals of History; and I trust  
that every Englishman will glory at it. The Joy this has spread  
on the Continent is very great indeed, and I wish with that  
it would have the good Effect to rouse the different  
Sovereigns out of the Lethargy into which they are fallen.  
If there would but shew but a little Energy, Convin-  
ced Matters would soon change, and the French give  
up the Inevitable with which they treat almost all  
the Nations on the Continent. Since a Week we have receiv-  
ed Orders to call back all our Men Affairs on Gurlow so  
that in a very few Days all the Battalions will be complete.  
As yet no new Dislocation has taken Place so that if seems  
the Regiments will keep their Quarters this Winter.



We are however all ready to march at the first Wind.  
and should this be the Case, I hope our Campaign will be  
successful, and that we shall be able to show our Enemies  
that there are still some Troops on the Continent who are  
not afraid of them. — That Your Majesty's Navy and Army  
may always be equally successful is the most fervent <sup>[Prayer]</sup>

of  
Your Majesty's  
most Dutiful and Aff<sup>te</sup>  
Loyal Subject

Adolphus Frederick.



Duke of Cambridge

August 29 1790

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Sir

I can not find words to express what I feel at this new Proof of Your Majesty's Graciousness in advancing <sup>me</sup> out of my Rank to the Rank of Lieutenant General. I certainly never shall forget this fresh Proof of Your Affection and shall always endeavour to shew You my Gratitude for it by applying myself as much as I can to my Duty. God knows this has been my constant Endeavour ever since I have begun to act in the World and I do assure You it shall ever remain it as long as I live.

I must also return Your Majesty my most humble Thanks for Your Graciousness in giving me an Establishment, which Mr de Lenthé writes me word of last Post, as also for the very flattering Manner in which You have been pleased to order me to fix the Sum necessary for to defray the expenses of it. Your Majesty may be assured that I shall not shake off Your Goodness and will not ask a farthing more than is necessary. A Plan is now making, which, as soon as it is finished, I shall send to Mr de Lenthé to present to You and I trust it will meet with Your Approbation. I am perfectly convinced of the



Necessity of Economy at all times and much more so at the pres<sup>t</sup> [present]  
so that you may be sure I shall not abuse of your Generosity  
I have now nothing more to add than the assurance of  
my ever remaining

Your Majesty's  
Most Dutiful and Aff<sup>te</sup>.  
Son and Subject

From Court.  
Aug<sup>r</sup> 29. 1798.

Adolphus Frederick.



Duke of Cambridge

28<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1798

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Hannover. Oct<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1798.

Sir

Your Majesty's very gracious Letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month which I received last Tuesday has rendered me infinitely happy and I return you my most humble Thanks for it. I rejoice infinitely to hear that Weymouth agrees so well with your Majesty, and I offer up my most sincere Prayers to the Almighty that you may long continue enjoying such good Health, and also that you may always receive such good Accounts of the Success of your Arms.

Last Thursday the great News arrived here of the Buonaparte which had vanquish'd the French Troops thro' Egypt being all burn'd to the number of 361. and two Penetration Men of War; and that Buonaparte has been forc'd to retreat from Cairo to Rosette. I hope in a very short time we shall have the Account of this General being taken with all his men, and then this Expedition will have ended in a glorious Manner for us: All these Advantages is owing to the fire Ships gain'd by your Majesty and may this ever be the Case, and all the French Expeditions fail in the same manner.



I am very much obliged to Your Majesty for the  
Memorandum You have given me to meet my Brother  
at Brunswick; my Intention, was to have met him  
there in case he took that Road, but as I did not <sup>know</sup>  
that for certain I thought it better not to trouble you  
on this Subject. - I received yesterday a Letter from him  
mentioning his being so very unwell as to be impossible  
of continuing his Journey to Russia; and that he would  
probably be obliged to remain the Winter in Germany  
should this be the Case, and that he should not come  
to Brunswick, I hope Your Majesty will allow me  
to go over and see him: I might be perhaps of some <sup>use</sup>  
to him and after so long an Absence I should be very  
glad to see him again. - I have now nothing more  
to add than that I ever shall remain

Your Majesty's  
Most Dutiful and Obedt  
Servant Subject  
Dolphus Frederick.



Duke of Cambridge  
20<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1798

Hannover. Nov<sup>r</sup> 28. 1798.

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Sir

I have just received from Mr de Lenthé  
the agreeable <sup>news</sup> of your Majesty's having purchased  
Mr Eckhart's Machine and of your having approved of  
the Plan which I sent him over for your Perusal.  
I can not refuse myself the pleasure of returning  
you by this that my most humble Thanks for  
the very gracious and generous manner in which you  
have been pleased to settle every thing; and that you  
to be assured that I shall strive as long as I live  
to render myself worthy of this new Proof of your  
Goodness. It is impossible for me to find Words to express  
how happy this new Change in my situation makes me,  
and particularly the very advantageous and flattering  
manner for me every thing has been arranged; I can only  
say that my constant Endeavours shall be to prove to  
you by my Behaviour the Gratitude I feel for your  
Goodness. — I can not conclude without presenting you  
with my most humble and sincere Congratulations on  
Edward's safe arrival on shore beseeching I had



been alarmed; and may you enjoy still many as glorious  
and happy years as this is, which hitherto, is the most  
sincere prayer of

Your Majesty's  
Most Dutiful  
and Affectionate Subject

Edolphus Frederick.